

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are presently pending in the application. Claims 1-14 have been amended to improve readability and to avoid multiple dependency. Claims 15-21 are new and include subject matter removed from certain original claims in the present amendment. No new matter has been added.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21547-00299-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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